

Minutes

Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee

August 20, 2025, Courtroom, 6:30pm

Call to order and salute to flag

In Attendance: *Karen Eastlund, Jim Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, Dave Fritzinger, Tim Rack, Dawn Wilde*

Excused: *Joyce Tronolone, Deb Thomas, Mark Esposito*

Unexcused: *none*

Guests: *none*

Secretary's minutes

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

Treasurer's report

- Budget: \$3497.92
- Trust: \$1199.15
- \$1,000 due to Jen Guarino for town mural painting
- Bill for paints for mural.
 - \$274 pending
 - \$49 pending
- Motion to approve report. Seconded. All approve

Old Business

- Library programs
 - Matthew Dodd:
 - Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025, 1pm, Red, White & Blue
 - Saturday June 27, 2026, Songs & Stories of the American Revolution
 - David Lang:
 - Asking for April 11 or 18, 2026 for the Battle of Bound Brook presentation
 - He is available to do either. We would prefer the 11th
 - Larry Kidder:
 - No longer an option unless we choose a different time or topic
 - Alisa Dupuy:
 - Tim Civil War Program:
 - January 10, 2026
- Tim to give program on John Basilone to Somerville Roundtable
 - September 8th, 7PM
 - Lutheran Church on Route 28/Union Ave

- We will participate in the Basilone Parade on Sept. 21st, 2025
- Facebook:
 - Continual posts, good place to post about all programs
 - Excellent posts
- Knox Porter Banners:
 - Larger banner retrieved and in storage
 - Small banner is still hanging
 - Chris Rau at NJ Transit
- Project ideas for the 250th anniversary of the USA
 - Revolution NJ – Raritan Council adopted the resolution in May
 - Ornaments
 - Postcard – pictures, dates of our events going on to celebrate the 250th
- Mural
 - Will have a ribbon cutting once it is completed
 - Anticipated to be done week of 8/24/25

New Business

- Post Card
 - May turn into a revolutionary small booklet to give out during all 250th celebrations.
 - Highlighting the revolutionary history of Raritan
 - Use Revolution NJ logo
- Bus Tours
 - Signs & grant application
 - Councilman Umesh Agrawal – contacted with the County to get vans to do driving tours, working on getting lawn signs of homes of fallen soldiers
 - Not until 2026 at the earliest
 - Grant would pay for the “bus”, the signs in front of fallen soldier homes, and historic property signs

Adjournment 7:13pm.